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Applicants : Andreas POHL et al.
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Art Unit : 3613
Examiner : B. Pezzlo

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Assistant Commissioner
For Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated March 7, 2001, Applicants elect Group I, Figures 1-7, with traverse.

The single species which Applicants elect if no generic claim is held allowable is Species I; said election being made with traverse.

Claims 1-6 read on the elected species.

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the Restriction Requirement is respectfully solicited. The hydraulic suspension system of Claim 7 and the method of Claim 8 are so closely-related to the device of Claims 1-6 that any search of the device itself would


certainly turn up suspensions using the devices (Claim 7) and methods of using the devices. Stated differently, a search of methods of modifying mechanical natural vibrations (Claim 8) would be expected to turn up any art related to the use of the device of Claim 1, if such art exists, and therefore to the device of Claim 1 itself; if such art exists.

The restriction requirement therefore would not appear to be will-founded, and should be withdrawn.

In the event that the Examiner does not find it possible to withdraw the Restriction Requirement, it is respectfully requested that the non-elected subject matter be rejoined with the elected subject-matter upon allowance of elected subject-matter.

Respectfully submitted,

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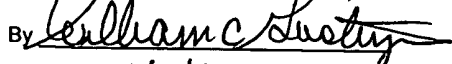
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